

THE BRITISH COLONIST.
Friday Morning, Dec. 6, 1867.
TO ADVERTISERS.
Transit Advertisements must be paid for in advance or on insertion.
TO AGENTS.
Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or the supply of papers will be discontinued. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest rates, and no exception will in future be made to this rule.
NANAIMO AGENCY.
Mr H. W. Alexander is no longer authorized to act as Agent of this paper at Nanaimo. Our business at that place will in future be conducted by Mr M. D. LeVie, who is alone empowered to receipt for subscriptions, &c.
The East Coast Steamer.

An esteemed friend, in a communication anent the East Coast steamer, published yesterday, persistently refuses to look upon the advertisement calling for tenders for the carriage of the mails between Victoria and the outlying districts in any other light than an attempt to deprive the settlers of the benefit of steam communication with Victoria. The burden of our correspondent's plea is, withdraw the Douglas and the Colony will stand still; the development of our natural resources will cease; the growth of pigs and cattle and grain on the Island will be stunted henceforth and forever. "The Douglas," cries our correspondent, "or we perish!" We agree with our correspondent, that the Douglas has contributed to the prosperity of the settlement; that her obliging captain is deservedly popular; and that "there are other expenses which might with advantage be reduced" before the Sir James Douglas need be interfered with. We grant all this, and still we say that when the gentleman asserts that the salvation of the Colony depends upon the Douglas being kept on the route, he lays down a proposition that is altogether erroneous and untenable. He might with equal correctness declare that if the Colony declined to continue to pay \$750 a trip to the California, and preferred to employ another vessel at \$500 a trip, the country would be utterly and irretrievably lost. To say that in order to preserve the country districts it is necessary for Government to incur a loss of \$2000 or \$3000, when the same service might be performed by a private boat at a much less figure, is absurd. The necessity of steam communication with the East Coast is recognized by all. So far our correspondent meets with no opposition; but when he seeks to convey the impression that, cost what it may, the Government steamer must be kept on, our path leads us in a different direction. The public demand economy and retrenchment in every department of the Government—from the Governor down to the humble janitor at the public buildings; and with a deficit in the current year of \$250,000 to \$300,000 staring us in the face, what reasonable man can object to the demand? Therefore we repeat today what we said on Tuesday, if the Government can have the mails conveyed up and down the East Coast upon a steamer owned by private parties at a less figure than it loses in keeping the Sir Jas. Douglas running, then it is the duty of the Government to employ the private conveyance; but if when the tenders have been opened it shall be found that the lowest sum demanded as a subsidy is equal to or in excess of the amount annually lost by the Douglas, then we think that the latter should have the preference. The only object we have in view is economy; for it must be patent to every one that the Colony cannot bear a heavier load of taxation than it now staggers under. If we increase the Tariff, we drive our foreign trade to other marts. If we raise the Trades' Licences, we augment the number of empty stores; and if we tax real estate, we render valueless the bulk of the occupied land in the Colony. The only course for the country to pursue is to keep down expenses until an addition to our population brings an increase to our revenue. The object of the advertisement is to ascertain whether the Government can perform the mail service cheaper than it can be done by private conveyance. Is there anything unreasonable or objectionable in that?

Letter from Nanaimo.
NANAIMO, V. I., Nov. 27, 1867.
EDITOR COLONIST:—From the silence of your contributors in this region it might be supposed that our political atmosphere has been clear and undisturbed, and that with the demise of the redoubtable Tribune all our political grievances are at an end; but to dispel such an illusion, allow me to note a few—one or two at least—of the disturbing elements which agitate the public mind. Formerly the great "bone of contention" was the ill-accommodating character of our Post Office arrangements, but as the sagacity of our present Government (notwithstanding all its faults) has

remedied that, we hope the matters I am now about to touch upon will also receive the attention of the "powers that be."
PUBLIC SCHOOL.
This useful institution still continues its efficient career, but its resources, which are derived through the Board of Education, from the Government, are mercilessly crippled by the reluctance of the Executive to furnish the Board with funds to enable it to pay the teacher's salary, and rent, fuel and other current expenses of the school. The teacher (Mr C. Bryant) like his fellow-teachers in Victoria, has actually performed the whole of the duties of the present year without receiving one cent of remuneration, and neither the rent nor fuel for the same period has been paid, and although this is the most inclement season of the year, not a pound weight of fuel is provided beyond what the teacher finds himself! But, gentle sir, how is it that at New Westminster the teacher receives his salary regularly?

THE NANAIMO LITERARY INSTITUTE.
The oldest Institute in the Colony still lives, but, like the school, languishes for funds. Its members are not numerous or wealthy. They, however, are bravely striving to furnish wholesome and first-class literature for the public benefit, and yet the President (who applied to the Executive a short time ago for pecuniary assistance) is informed that no portion of the grant for Public Libraries is available for us, notwithstanding that the New Westminster Institute or Library has derived help from that source!! Can you tell us, Mr Editor, why partiality is shown in this matter—why this deserving Institution is left in the cold, while the folks up the river are furnished with money, and a building too, at the expense of the Colony?

STEAMER "SIR JAMES DOUGLAS."
There are rumors afloat of the withdrawal of this vessel from the East Coast trade. To do so would be to retard the now rapid growth and prosperity of the Coast Settlements—which benefit largely by her weekly trips—as well, in all probability, as to put the Colony to no inconsiderable additional expenditure. The "Sir James" is almost sure to be employed by the Government somehow, and in the event of her being taken off this route, another vessel would necessarily be subsidized, at a figure pretty nearly equal to the cost of running the "Douglas," thus the expense of keeping two steamers would be incurred. The "Douglas," I should say, is about paying expenses, and if such be the case the subsidy is saved and the Colonial Exchequer not drawn upon for anything more than the steamer earns. Many considerations, which are generally understood, might be urged why the steamer should be kept employed as at present. She is fast, is ably commanded, but lacks good accommodation and good fare for passengers, which ought to receive attention at the proper quarter.

The Dominion.
The Parliament of Canada is now in session and we will look anxiously from day to day for such bits of their transactions as the telegraph may afford us, but for any detailed account must await the usual course of the mail. The St. John, N. B., *Morning News* remarks as follows:—
"The influence which the first Dominion Parliament will exert in shaping the destiny of the Confederation will doubtless be very great. The eyes of the statesmen of Britain and America will alike be directed toward Ottawa during the ensuing month. All good men and true among us will anxiously desire that the men who are about to make history in the Dominion Metropolis may figure creditably in a chapter of events which our posterity may never desire to blot out."

SHIPBUILDING INCIDENT.—The Editor of the *Morning News*, New Brunswick, in giving an account of a visit to the ship yards, relates the following: "We entered the establishment, and on doing so had the good fortune to encounter among the first we met Mr. Fisher himself, who in the most courteous manner showed us all round his works, leading us into all sorts of breakneck nooks and corners, explaining as he did so the nature of the work he and his men were engaged on, which is the re-building of a large American ship of 1033 tons American measurement. She will be so emphatically a new ship when finished, which will be in the course of two or three weeks, that we expressed astonishment at the owners spending so much money on her to save so little, to which the captain, a jolly specimen of a Yankee, replied, in the most quaint manner, 'I guess we will save the keel anyhow.' The reason of this economy we learned afterwards was to enable the owners to command an American register, which they could not do if the ship was entirely built in a foreign country. The 'saving of the keel' commands the registry. At present eighty men are engaged at work on her, and have been since the 20th of June last."

Facts and Fancies.
Two women each lost a leg by getting caught in the coils of a steamboat stern line at a Fenian picnic near Sandusky.
An old bachelor who recently attended a 'hop' at Saratoga, says: 'It is woman, and not her wrongs, that ought to be redressed.'
One of the Troy papers sagely remarks: 'The fools are not all dead.' To which another paper makes the spiteful addition: 'The readers of our neighbor's paper were well aware of the fact.'
Rabbi Joshua once met a boy who carried something in a covered vessel. 'My boy,' said the Rabbi, 'what have you in your covered vessel?' 'If it was intended for you to know,' replied the boy, 'it would not be covered.'
In Westfield, Massachusetts, there is a fellow named George W. Williams who calls himself a 'natural, spiritual, phrenological, second advent, free love, Granhamite perfectionist.' He has just been sent to jail for drunkenness.
A man who lives in Chicago, but hasn't applied for a divorce, and who has been to numerous picnics during this Summer, says: 'It is aggravating to see a good looking man wrestling with your wife in a waltz, without having the privilege of going up and tightening his cravat.'
The following is from an execution report in the Montgomery (Alabama) *Advertiser*: 'After mounting the scaffold, he exhorted his hearers to profit by his example. The preliminaries having already been arranged, after the singing and praying, the hatchet of Sam. Alexander, Esq., wafted the soul of the unfortunate man to Heaven.'
A correspondent says: 'A lady at Saratoga is now sending her baggage home, as she intends to return to New York by the last of the month. The most valuable articles are to go first. The most worthless last. It is needless to say that the lady will be the last load.'

In the town of S— there was a shoemaker, who at the time officiated as preacher. He always wrote the notices himself, in order to save the expenses of printing. Here is one of them: 'There will be preaching in the pines this Sunday afternoon on the subject, all who do not believe will be damned at three o'clock.'

A correspondent says it is very amusing to watch the ladies bathe. They are almost always timid, and avoid going into the water as long as possible, preferring to run down the beach just near enough to get their delicate little feet damp, and then scream in the most heart-rending manner. They sit along the beach and make 'sand pies,' ask those who come out if the water is cold or deep, and how they feel. At last, having become sufficiently courageous, they form a line by taking hold of one another's hands, and slowly inaugurate a second 'march to the sea.'

Not many years since, in West Plymouth, N. H., it used to be the custom for the schoolmasters to 'board round' among the families of the pupils so as to save expense. Sometimes, of course, the days didn't come out quite even—there would be eight and a half days at one house and nine at another. One man, who was notorious for his meanness, just before the schoolmaster began his dinner, said to him: 'Mr. —, I suppose, by rights, that your time is up just about half way through this dinner. That's as near as I can make it, and I've calculated pretty close. But I don't wish to be small about it, and you kin eat just about as much as you would do for ordinary.'

A lady who has been to hear Dickens read one of his own books has been disenchanted. She had formed 'Great Expectations' which were not realized. She says: 'At the first glance I received a shock and my ideal tumbled of the pedestal whereon I placed him long ago, when I wove his hair in a locklet, and thought Shakespeare an idiot beside him. I did not expect to see the handsome, fop-like young man who once paid us a visit, and caricatured us so capitally afterward; but I did think some sign of genius would be visible—some glimpse of the genial creator of 'Little Nell,' 'Tom Pinch' and the 'Cherry-brothers' would certainly appear. Far from it; youth and comeliness were gone, but the foppishness remained; and the red-faced man, with false teeth, and the voice of a worn out actor, had his scanty gray hair curled; a posy in his button-hole diamond ring, pin and studs; a ruffled front and wristbands a la 'Gousin Fenix.'

The man who wrote this evidently had a grievance: A Card—I feel called upon to announce for the benefit of the gossips of Westport, that my wife left town on Wednesday, for the purpose of visiting some friends in the central part of the State; that she left with the full consent and approbation of her husband; that so far as heard from, she was unaccompanied by gentlemen, though it is probable that she will meet two or three or more, during her absence; that she expects to be absent about a week, and that during that time there will be two females at my house. I make this announcement thus publicly, in order to save time and trouble, the wear and tear of shoe leather and tongues, and say nothing of conscience, on the part of the gossips and scandal mongers who have had so much distress lately over the affairs of my household. I would further state that any additional information in regard to my family affairs will at all times be furnished cheerfully to said gossips by myself and the members of the household, if they will call at any time between 6 A. M. and 10 P. M.

Galignani says: 'From a letter we have just received from Hamburg we learn that the same Maltese millionaire who, in 1865, broke the bank at Baden, has renewed his exploits this year. A few days ago he did the same in that town three times running. The Prince of Wales happened to be there at the time, amusing himself with playing a few Napoleons from time to time; the Duke of Hamilton and Mustapha Pacha were also among the visitors. He then started for Berlin, taking Hamburg on his way, and at this latter place won three hundred thousand francs, but did not break the bank, because the director kept sending bank notes as long as the play lasted. The coolness with which the Maltese natador played struck every one with astonishment, so much so, that the director of the Hamburg bank called upon him the day after and told him he had never seen a gentleman play with the same impassive demeanor, since he was not more moved than the bank itself. But what is narrated as most singular is the circumstance that the Maltese keeps the money he wins, and does not, like almost all others, win one day to lose double the next. It also appears that he spends his winnings most freely, giving large sums in charity and presents, and that he has thus become well known among the persons who frequent these bathing places. In 1866, it appears, he did not pay any visit to Germany.'

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Veneration avoided.—This Ointment is the most powerful agent for the healing of wounds, old ulcers, indolent sores, and all strumous diseases of the skin, which from local or constitutional causes, have hitherto resisted all ordinary modes of treatment. Holloway's Ointment, rubbed upon the abdomen, and aided by a judicious course of his Pills, acts miraculously on the digestion, and obviates all those obstructions in the mesenteric glands, known by the name of indigestion, and gradually increasing weakness of the sufferer. The combined effects of Ointment and Pills are irresistible in all long-continued diseases, which ever produce disarrangement of the digestion, circulation, and glandular system. Holloway's remedies are suitable for all ages and conditions, for all climates and constitutions.

FLORAL INCENSE!
The fragrance of fresh flowers is agreeable and pleasant to even the most fastidious; and in the genuine MURRAY & LANMAN'S FLORIDA WATER we have this floral fragrance in all its refreshing purity and strength. Delicate persons and invalids are greatly soothed and benefited by its use.
As there are worthless counterfeits buyers should always ask for the Florida Water prepared by Lanman & Kemp, New York. 642.

Many Voices from California.
"My experience satisfies me that Bristol's Sarsaparilla and Pills are the best and only remedies for Scrofula."—S. P. HARRIS, Santa Clara.
"Bristol's Sarsaparilla has cured me of Rheumatism after every thing else had failed."
P. KELLY, Sonora.
"From the first time in years I am free of sores and eruptions. I used 9 bottles of Bristol's Sarsaparilla and 5 of Pills."
J. S. JONES, Petaluma, 568.

The best Remedy for Purifying the Blood, strengthening the Nerves, Restoring the Lost Appetite, FRESH'S HAMBURG TEA.
It is the best preservative against almost any sickness, used timely. Composed of herbs only, it can be given safely to infants. Full directions in English, French, Spanish, and German, with green glass bottle. For sale at all the Wholesale and Retail Drug stores and Grocers.
EMIL FRESH, Wholesale Druggist, Sole Agent, 410 Clay St., San Francisco, Cal. 7d

New Advertisements.
Victoria Turn Verein.
THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF this Society will be held at the Turn Hall, Port street, on Monday Evening next, the 9th instant, at 8 o'clock.
A full attendance is requested.
J. GILLON, Secretary.

British Ship Trebolgan, from Shanghai
THOS. LEWIS, COMMANDER.
NEITHER THE CAPTAIN NOR the undersigned will be responsible for any debts contracted by the crew without their written order.
J. ROBERTSON STEWART, Agent. 4d
Victoria, 5th December, 1867.

NOTICE
IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT WE HAVE this day disposed of all our interest in the Express business known as Dietz & Nelson's British Columbia and Victoria Express, to F. J. HARRARD, of Barrard's Carriage Express, and beg to solicit for him a continuance of the patronage bestowed upon us for the past five years.
DITZ & NELSON. 4d
New Westminster, B.C., Dec. 2, 1867.

A CARD.
IN ORDER TO GUARD THE PUBLIC and all our old patrons against runners of the lowest grade, purporting to have received authority from the GLOBE HOTEL, being, or about to be, closed, and the proprietors of the same on the brink of bankruptcy, we, the undersigned, take great pleasure in informing the public and our friends that the GLOBE will continue to revive on the same Hibernian principle as heretofore, backed by an A. No. 1 Meat Market, which in itself is sufficient attraction to support the GLOBE in sustaining its equilibrium on a healthy basis.
We would also warn travellers and the public in general against the assertions of one of the above class—a meat peddler—who makes it his particular business to lead the public astray, and try to injure an institution the reputation of which, for years, is so well known to the travelling community.
L. HAUTIER & CO. 4d
Lytton, B.C., Nov. 16, 1867.

Colony of British Columbia and its Dependencies, to wit:
A SPECIAL SESSIONS OF HER Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said Colony, will be held at the Police Court, Victoria, on Thursday next, the 12th instant, at the hour of Twelve o'clock, for the purpose of receiving applications from persons desirous of being granted Licences for the sale of Wine, Spirits, &c., &c., Wholesale and Retail, for the ensuing half-year commencing on the first day of January proximo.
A. THEASTON, Clerk to the Bench of Magistrates. 4d
COUNTY COURT.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a County Court will be held before the Honorable Joseph Neeldham, Chief Justice, on MONDAY, the 10th day of December, A.D. 1867, at the hour of 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, James' Bay, Victoria. By order, RICHARD WOODS, Acting Registrar. 4d
Registrar's Office, 4th December, 1867.

NEW STORE,
Corner of Fort & Government Streets, VICTORIA, V.I.

HEBBARD & McTIERNAN,
DEALERS IN
Second-hand Furniture

FARMER'S PRODUCE.
Goods bought and sold on commission. Consignments respectfully solicited. 4d
JANION, GREEN & RHODES.

WANTED
A GOOD BLACKSMITH. E. STAMP, Government street. 4d
Bark Mercara, from Liverpool.
NEITHER THE CAPTAIN NOR the undersigned, will be responsible for any debts contracted by the crew without their written order. 4d
JANION, GREEN & RHODES.

Bark Mercara.
CONSIGNEES BY THE ABOVE vessel are requested to call at the office of the undersigned, receive orders and pay freight for their goods. The vessel will commence discharging on Wednesday Morning, the 4th inst. All goods left on the wharf after 4 o'clock p.m. will be stored at the risk and expense of owner. 4d
JANION, GREEN & RHODES.

NOTICE
STRAYED
A WHITE AND RED COW, with crumpled horns and a good many white spots on same, has been taken in possession of white trespassing. The owner can have same by paying damages and other expenses. J. G. NORRIS, General Agent, Govt. street. 4d
Victoria, Nov. 25, 1867. If not claimed within five days from date, the above Cow will be sold by public auction. 4d
Victoria, December 3, 1867.

WANTED,
ONE HUNDRED CORDS OF FIREWOOD from the Victoria Mills, to be paid at our office, 100 of Johnson street, next to the Ferry. 4d
GOWEN, LUNDBOM & CO.

New Advertisements.
To Visitors from California, Oregon, the Sound, &c.
AT VICTORIA HOUSE,
CORNER OF FORT AND DOUGLAS STREETS, VICTORIA, V.I.
Will always be found a Large and Choice Assortment of
Dress Goods, Mantles, Millinery, Flowers, Laces, &c
At very Moderate Prices, and of the Latest Styles, the Goods being imported from Europe by Express Monthly.
The usual Assortment of Staple Goods, such as:
White & Printed Calicos, Flannels, Linens, Blankets, Ticking, &c., &c.,
Also on Hand in Great Variety.
Wm. DENNY, Manager:
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BEST CLOTHING STORE,
OPPOSITE POST OFFICE,
W. WILSON'S.
CLOTHING
—AND—
UNDERCLOTHING
BEST VALUE, BEST QUALITY,
LARGEST ASSORTMENT
RECEIVED LAST STEAMER.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
MESSRS FELL & CO.
Beg to inform their friends and the public in general that they have taken the Store lately occupied by Messrs WILSON & MURRAY, into which they have removed.
They take this opportunity of thanking their old customers for their liberal support, and to solicit that of those who have dealt with Messrs WILSON & MURRAY, assuring them that every effort will be made (by keeping an assortment of all the choicest articles that can be obtained) to rival the best Groceries on the Pacific coast, and to prove themselves worthy of patronage.
All Goods, whether for the Royal Navy, at Esquimalt, or any part of the City or Suburbs, will be promptly delivered FREE OF COST.
An abundant supply of
FRESH EGGS AND BUTTER
received every week from the outlying districts.
FELL & COMPANY,
Tea, Coffee and Spice Merchants and General Grocers, FORT STREET.
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LONDON HOUSE,
Government Street, October 6, 1867.
WE HAVE JUST OPENED
A Splendid Stock of Goods for the
FALL & WINTER TRADE,
Comprising all the
LATEST STYLES
—IN—
DRESS GOODS, SKIRTS, SHAWLS, MANTLES, MILLINERY, TRIMMING, LACE GOODS, UNDERCLOTHING, BABY LINEN, CLOTH, FANCY GOODS.

The very best makes of
Flannels, Calicoes, Sheetings, Linens, Hosiery, Gloves and General Drapery Goods.

J. H. Turner & Co.,
VICTORIA.
J. P. TUNSTALL & CO., London. 4d

TO BE LET OR SOLD.
THE FARM AT SOUTH SAANICH formerly occupied by Mr H. Simpson, being 1 E. 6, 7 and 8 S., and the Eastern half of 1 E. and 6 S., containing about 350 Acres, with all necessary Farm buildings. A large portion is fenced and under cultivation. Apply to THOS. ALESOP, Government street, near Broughton Road. 4d
VEGETABLES.
JOHN FENECITY OFFERS FOR SALE his own produce, and guarantees to keep on hand GOOD POTATOES, or no sale. Also, Onions, Carrots, Cabbage and Turnips, Wholesale and Retail. Will also supply Ships, Restaurants, and Families, and delivered at short notice. Orders may be left at his Store, Yates street, one door below Oriental Alley, or at his house, on Mount Tolmie Road. 4d

IMPORTANT
TO DEALERS AND CONSUMERS OF THE
SAINSEVAIN WINE BITTERS!
In ordering WINE BITTERS, be sure you ask for the SAINSEVAIN WINE BITTERS, manufactured by MERCADO & SEULY, SAN FRANCISCO, for inferior kinds are often substituted. Observe the YELLOW LABEL, and see that the name of MERCADO & SEULY is on the WRAPPER, LABEL and STAMP.
This most DELICIOUS WINE can be had from the principal Wine Merchants and Liquor Dealers throughout the State. 4d
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Oil Cloth.
MICHAEL NAIRN & CO.'S SCOTCH
Oil Cloth, just received. For sale by JANION, GREEN & RHODES. 4d
Scotch Oatmeal.
BEST SCOTCH OATMEAL, IN 25 AND 50 lb. Tins. For sale by JANION, GREEN & RHODES. 4d

Lee & Perrin's Sauce.
SOLE AGENTS FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA, JANION, GREEN & RHODES. 4d

Ind Coope & Go's India Pale Ale,
OF VERY SUPERIOR QUALITY. For sale by JANION, GREEN & RHODES. 4d

Marrian's XXX Ale,
IN DRUMS, IN FINE ORDER. For sale by JANION, GREEN & RHODES. 4d

Boiled Linseed Oil
IN DRUMS. For sale by JANION, GREEN & RHODES. 4d

Plaster of Paris.
FOR SALE BY JANION, GREEN & RHODES. 4d

J. B. SERE
DEGS TO ANNOUNCE THAT HE WILL open a Store, this day, November 20, at the ROYAL EXCHANGE BUILDING, on Government street, for the sale of his own produce, consisting of Vegetables, Potatoes, Fruit, Fresh Eggs, Butter, Milk, Poultry, Chickens, Turkeys and Ducks; also, Chicken Feed, Oats, &c. All goods delivered free of charge. 4d
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THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Friday Morning, Dec. 6, 1867.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.

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PORT OF PORT TOWNSEND, W.T.

CLEARED.
Dec 2—Br ship Royal Saxon, Foochow, China

MARRIED.

December 24, at Port Townsend, Mr. A. J. Hill, to Miss Kate Smith.
November 28th, at Port Townsend, Mr. William Hattie, of Whistler Island, to Miss Abby Glasgow, of Port Townsend.

Have we two County Courts on the Island? After a feast, they say, comes a famine. Why not after a famine a feast? Nearly three months have elapsed since the Summary Court was abolished and a County Court established on the Island, and during that period the machinery has not been put in motion. Now, however, we find that notices are out for the holding of two County Courts. The Chief Justice advertises that he will sit as County Judge on the 16th inst, and Mr Pemberton announces that he will hold a County Court on the 19th inst. So far as we know, summonses have only been issued by the Registrar of the Supreme Court; but the public would like to be informed before which Judge they must carry their causes. An explanation at an early day would prevent confusion and, perhaps, expense to intending litigants.

SUMMARY REVENGE.—The Dublin correspondent of a London paper says one of the most dangerous results of the late troubles in Ireland is the introduction of the practice of discharging loaded revolvers at obnoxious persons in the streets. This reckless method of revenge, says the writer, is of recent importation, and is more dangerous than hedge-fencing, which has now happily ceased in Ireland. Several attempts at assassination, which in two instances were successful, have been made in Dublin within the two past years. The latest attempt is that on the life of Mr Robert Atkinson, who was shot at while proceeding along Ormond Quay. One bullet struck him between the shoulders and a second broke the leaf of his hat, but he nevertheless escaped without injury.

THE NEW POSTAL TREATY.—By the terms of the new Postal Treaty between Great Britain and the United States it is provided that each of the contracting powers shall carry the mail bags over any or all of its postal routes to a point nearest the territory of the other at which it may have a post office. We are therefore entitled to have our mails carried by the United States Government weekly to Port Townsend. The same treaty provides that for carrying books and samples the postal charge shall be 4d, or 8 cents only, by each power.

ARRIVAL FROM CHINA.—The British ship Trebolgan, Capt. Lewis, arrived from Shanghai, China, yesterday afternoon, having been 44 days on the voyage. The Trebolgan is in ballast, and comes to J. K. Benson Stewart. She will probably load with lumber at Burrard Inlet. She is 1200 tons burthen and having a carrying of 1,000,000 feet. Capt. Lewis reports heavy weather off this coast. He entered the Straits at one o'clock yesterday morning, was boarded by Capt. Ticomoff at nine o'clock, and cast anchor in Esquimalt harbor at one p. m.

RETIREMENT.—Messrs Dietz & Nelson, the well-known and popular expressmen, have disposed of their business to Mr F. J. Barnard, of the Cariboo Express, and the two lines are now consolidated. Messrs. D. & N. have served the public faithfully for the past five years, and we are glad to learn that instead of severing their connection with the colony we shall still number them among our residents, they having embarked in the milling business at Burrard Inlet.

LICENSING COURT.—A special session was opened yesterday before the Stipendiary Magistrate and His Worship Mayor Trimble. Only two cases came up, and were postponed until Thursday next, 12th inst, at 12 o'clock, when applications from persons desirous of being granted licences for the sale of wines, spirits, etc, by wholesale or retail, for the half-year commencing on the 1st day of January, proximo, will be received. Publicans and others should make a note of this.

DOGS.—A couple of harriers have arrived by the Mercara and six couple are expected by the Princess Royal. Mr Allsop, to whom they are consigned by Mr W. Brown, offers the free use of them to hunt, if a number of gentlemen will form a club for that purpose. A meeting will be held in a few days at the Beehive Hotel, with a view to organizing a club.

THE STAKES won at the Hurdle Races will be paid over this evening at the Beehive Hotel. There will be a balance of cash left, which we understand will be applied towards a contemplated race of a similar character, which is to come off as soon as arrangements can be completed.

FROM NAINIMO.—The steamer Sir James Douglas, Capt. Clarke, returned from Nainimo last evening, bringing twenty passengers and a quantity of produce and live stock. A collier was injured in the pit on Tuesday last, but not seriously. Several vessels are expected up shortly from San Francisco.

FROM OLYMPIA.—The steamer Isabel, Pamphlet, with 60 head of beef cattle and 400 head of sheep, arrived from Olympia via Port Townsend last evening. The cargo is consigned to Harris & Murray and Hutchinson & Co., and is valued at about \$5000. There is no later news by this arrival.

The new wash and door factory (the machinery of which came out on the Mercara) will be erected on Cormorant street, near the establishment of Kwong, Lee & Co.

H.B. Co. CLAIMS.—We learn that all the testimony in regard to these claims against the United States is now printed. The evidence on the side of the United States amounts to four stout volumes, the case is therefore ready for argument unless the claimants see fit to take rebutting testimony.

FOURTURE.—Five dollars were forfeited to the Crown yesterday by a gentleman who had deposited that sum the night before as security for his appearance before Mr Pemberton to answer to a charge of drunkenness.

FUNERAL.—The remains of William Thompson, first-class petty officer, belonging to H M S Zealous, who was drowned in Rock Bay, were interred at two o'clock yesterday, by his late messmates.

NAVAL CONTRACTS.—We learn that Lowe Bros. have been awarded the contract for provisions; K McKenzie, for bread; and Reynolds & Butterell for fresh meat and vegetables.

FOR ALASKA.—A small trading sloop sailed for Alaska yesterday morning, and carried despatches and papers for the American commandant there.

THE CIRCUS AT THE THEATRE.—Mr Bartholomew has hired the theatre for a limited number of nights and will open there in a few days with his famous troupe.

PIPES ACROSS THE HARBOR.—Water is to be conveyed from this side of the harbor to the flour mills on the other side, through pipes.

COAL SHIPMENT.—The shipment of coal from Nanaimo last month footed up only 1942 tons.

ONLY one drunk was disposed of yesterday in the Police Court.

THE steamer Fly sailed for Nanaimo yesterday morning, with freight.

THE gunboat Forward went over to San Juan Island yesterday noon, with supplies.

The Condition of Things in Abyssinia.

Rev. A. H. Stern, one of King Theodore's captives, whom the British are now making efforts to release, writes to his wife, from his prison at Magdala, under date of June 29th, as follows: "Our Magdala home, which, with the exception of the short intervals that it was occupied by the King, has for a long time remained quiet and undisturbed, like the rock on which it is built; but it has of late become quite animated, noisy and tumultuous. Almost every day we hear and see something that amuses or agitates us. Reports, whether true or false, from the Royal camp, our hostile neighbors, the Gallas, and from the various provinces in the possession of the rebel chiefs, come to us daily, through the medium of those who bring to our prison provisions of all kinds to sell. Now we hear of the Wagshum Gobazye of Tigre coming to besiege our Amba, then it is whispered that the King has quitted his fence at Debra Tabor, and is marching in this direction; then, again, we are told that the Wollo Gallas have driven off the cattle belonging to King Theodore, which are under guardianship of the villagers of our fortress, and which graze on the pastures below us in the valleys. Stirring tales of contests, pillage, triumphs and defeats have diffused among the inhabitants of the hills and valleys, mountains and plains, a sort of warlike feeling, up to this very rock, where every cowardly ruffian babbles and chatters as if he were the champion of Abyssinia and the prop of the convulsed realm. We have had ocular demonstration of the wonderful courage and prowess of the brave guards over us. On one occasion, about a fortnight ago, our fortress was in great excitement at the news that a force was coming to invade us. All the soldiers were ordered to arm, and, trembling, looked up their rusty weapons; and half the garrison sallied forth to prove their courage, went out at the gate, and encountered an old woman and her family of small children. On another occasion, between Damash, a gallant arakkee, (ardent spirits) hero, as Mr. Rassam's empty bottles can testify, was sent with a party to drive off the Gallas, who had absconded with the King's cows, which he and his brave soldiers had stolen from the peasants in Dembea and Begomeder. However, after a night's apparent search, they came back, without an encounter, and astonished the natives with their bluster and swagger about nothing. A dozen stout Englishmen, with a revolver or two each, might easily subdue the whole garrison here, and set us all at liberty. It would appear that the King has been advised to remain at Debra Tabor during the rainy season, and to defer his visit to the Magdala until the Spring. I trust we shall never see his face again, or hear his venomous and unblushing tongue prate about Solomon, Jerusalem, Sennar, England, the Turks, the Bishop, and all sorts of worthless trash, with which he has tormented his white prisoners, and delights his malicious heart. The report about the imprisonment of the Gaffatt workmen is contradicted, and it would appear, if the account we have received is correct, that they are, on the contrary, in Theodore's favor, and are the managers of his artillery. I should be sorry to have a hand in either the making or the firing of his Majesty's cannon, 'mais chacun a son gout.'"

NEW BRUNSWICK.
An accident happened to the wedding party on Tuesday when returning from escorting Mr. and Mrs. Tilley a short distance on the way, by which Lt. Col. Inches suffered considerable injury, the wagon in which he was driving being upset. Mrs. Inches, Miss Lottie Rose and Miss McDonald were in the wagon also and were thrown out, but sustained no material injury.

THE EXQUISITE DRESSES, Flowers, Wreaths and Fancy Goods, suitable for evening wear, to be seen this week in the windows of the London House, Government street, remised one by their beauty of Regent street or Broadway. A great part of these goods were received from Europe by last Express, and are of precisely the same style as now being worn in Paris and London.

THE ECONOMY OF HEALTH.—This busy nation of Americans have 12,000,000 working people, whose services may be estimated at \$2 a day, and their annual loss by sickness at an average of ten days each in the year. This gives a total loss of \$240,000,000 a sum three times as large as the whole cost of the General Government, including the Army, Navy, Post Offices, Legislators, Foreign Ministers and all. The amount weighs over six hundred tons in pure gold. A large proportion of this costly suffering might be averted by attention to diet, cleanliness, and above all, by the proper use of the right remedy in season. When a 25 cent box of Ayer's Pills will avert an attack of illness which it would take several days to recover from, or a dollar bottle of Ayer's Sarsaparilla will expel a lurking disorder that would bring the sufferer to his back for weeks or months, does it take any figures to show the good economy of the investment? When Fever and Ague is rankling in your veins and shaking your life out of you, is it worth the dollar it costs for his AGUE CURE to have the villainous disorder expelled, which it does surely and quickly? When you have taken a cold it is prudent to wait until it has settled on the lungs, when days or weeks or months must be spent in trying to cure it, even if it can be cured at all, or is it cheaper to take Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, costing a few shillings, and remove the trouble before it is serious? It takes no wisdom to decide.

Heywood's New Sugar-Cured Hams and Breakfast Bacon.

HEYWOOD'S PORK SAUSAGE.

ELIXIR OF LIFE.—Mr Heywood, of the Yorkshire Market, has commenced for the season to make his celebrated Pork Sausage, manufactured from the very best of Island fed Pork—clean and pure as the snow that fell on Diana's lap—Oh, get out! Everybody buys them, because they are good. Now mind, be sure and make no mistake; it is in the fire-proof Brick Store, next door to the Old Original Coffee Stand.

NEW WINTER FASHIONS.—Received by steamer at Victoria House, direct from Paris the Latest Novelties in Ladies' Trimmed Bonnets and Hats, Girls' and Infants' Hats and Bonnets, Genoa Velvets, Bismarck and other new Silks, Flowers and Feathers, Kid Gloves, Black and Colored Velvet Ribbons, etc, etc.

An efficient French Milliner has also just arrived from Paris to assist in the Millinery Department.

MARTIN LUTHER once thought he saw the devil in his chamber, and threw an inkstand at his head. Had they had in those days AYER'S PILLS to exorcise all the devils that come from a disordered stomach, his laughable fright would not have become a matter of history.

LONDON HOUSE.—J. H. Turner & Co have received fine Cloths, consisting of B-avers, West of England Broad and Deeskins, Tweeds, Witneys, Kerseys, etc., and a full assortment of Hosiery of the best make of Balbriggan, together with a large stock of new goods for Fall and Winter Trade.

FRED PAYNE has removed his Cheap Shaving Shop to the opposite side of Johns street, just above the Miner's Saloon.

Pro Bono Publico.

THE LARGEST! THE FATTIST! THE BEST! Oysters in town are served up by LEVY, At the Arcade Oyster Rooms.

Protectionists, Attention!

HEYWOOD'S NEW ISLAND-CURED HAMs, with the Finest of Island pigs, are to be had, at any hour of the day or night, at the ARCADE OYSTER & COFFEE ROOMS.

Cheap Meat!

Cheap Meat!

—AT THE—

PANDORA MARKET, GOVERNMENT STREET.

GEORGE MANUEL

HAVING OPENED the above Market, is prepared to sell Meats of the best quality.

Cheaper than any other Shop in Victoria

Beef 12 1/2 to 25 cents per lb.
Mutton 12 1/2 to 25 cents per lb.
Other Meats in proportion.

NAVY MESSES

FAMILIES, HOTELS AND SHIPPING

SUPPLIED WITH THE BEST OF MEATS, AND DELIVERED CARRIAGE FREE.

Grand Book Raffle!

AT THE

BOOMERANG INN.

THIS RAFFLE CONSISTS OF

Seven Prizes!

1. LOUDEN'S TREES AND SHRUBS OF GREAT BRITAIN, a most valuable work to the horticulturist, fully illustrated, 8 volumes \$31 50
2. KNIGHT'S PICTORIAL HISTORY OF ENGLAND. No Library can be considered complete without this important work, 8 volumes 31 50
3. BURKE'S PERRAGE AND BARONETAGE OF GREAT BRITAIN, 1 volume 12 50
4. BURKE'S ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD and Decorations of Honor, 1 volume, 12 50
5. BURKE'S LANDED GENTRY of Great Britain and Ireland, 1 volume 12 50
6. BURKE'S AUTHORIZED ARMS OF the Laws of Heraldry, 1 volume 10 50
7. SIR E. BELCHER'S VOYAGES IN Search of Sir John Franklin in 1823-54, with colored illustrations, 2 volumes 10 50

125 SHARES, AT ONE DOLLAR EACH.

The day of Raffle will be duly announced to Subscribers, who are invited to call and examine the Books.

Auction Sales.

J. P. Davies & Co

AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS. Salesroom Fireproof Stone Building, Wharf Street near Yates.

Cash advances made on Consignments.

NOTICE.

In connection with our Real Estate business, we have had made, by competent Surveyors, two large Maps, each 6 feet square, of the City of Victoria together with the Suburban Property, &c., &c.; also, a large Map of Esquimalt and the surrounding Property.

SATURDAY

J. P. DAVIES & Co.

Will sell by Auction, at

Cattle Sale Yard,

FORT STREET

TO-MORROW

Saturday, Dec. 7th,

AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON,

1 Yoke Work Cattle

1 superior Milch Cow, in first class condition

2 Horses, &c., &c.

J. P. DAVIES, Auctioneer.

TUESDAY.

J. P. DAVIES & CO.

WILL SELL

AT SALESROOM

WHARF STREET,

Tuesday, Dec. 10th,

AT 11 O'CLOCK, A. M.,

The Stock-in-Trade of

an Indian Trader,

Consisting of

Dry Goods,

AND

Clothing,

Underclothing,

Boots and Shoes,

Tinware, and

Hardware,

Prints, Dress Goods, Holland, Check,

Wineys, Shawls (assorted), Cotton

Hdk's, Blankets, Coats, Pants, Vests,

Hats and Caps, Baltic Shirts, Woolen

Jackets, Serge Drawers and Shirts,

Sheath and Carving Knives, Brass and

Iron Wire, Indian Pots, 1st Shot,

Paint, Beads, Fish Hooks, Lines, Gun

Caps, Tin Pans, Buckets, Molasses,

Flour, Beans, Coffee, Bacon, Tobacco,

Dried Apples, &c., &c.

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Reynolds & Botterell,

Corner Yates & Douglas Streets,

ISLAND FED MEAT

Of the Finest Description, from their own Ranch.

Families and Shipping Orders promptly attended to.

Contractors sent into for the supplies of food & ships on foreign service, and delivered carriage free.

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GOVERNMENT CONTRACTORS,

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FAMILIES, HOTELS AND SHIPPING supplied upon short notice with the best of Meats, on reasonable terms.

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Auction Sales.

In the Supreme Court of Civil Justice of

Vancouver Island, B.C.

IN CHANCERY.

Mason and Assignee of Balls vs. Rowland and others.

Pursuant to an order of the Chief Justice Needham, made in the above cause,

WILL BE SOLD,

BY AUCTION.

P. M. BACKUS

AT SALESROOM

Wharf Street,

On Thursday, Dec 12

AT 12 O'CLOCK, M,

The fee simple of Town Lot No. 101, having a frontage of feet on Rae street, with feet in depth, and also the substantial Brick Buildings thereon, consisting of two Dwelling Houses, each containing 8 rooms.

On the basement there are parlors, sitting-rooms, kitchen and sculleries, and on the upper story four bedrooms in each house.

wash sinks and other necessary offices are attached; as also a cistern for receiving rain water and for distribution, and a well of good spring water in the yard.

The houses were built at considerable expense, and are well finished, being brick partitions dividing the principal rooms, are all of which hand finished.

The premises may be viewed on application to Mr Baker, in charge thereon, and the conditions of sale and other particulars known on application to the Plaintiff's Solicitor in the cause,

ROBERT BISHOP,

no28 Bastion street, Victoria.

Preliminary Notice.

Christmas Presents!

P. M. Backus will sell, on TUESDAY, the 17th December, at 11 o'clock, at his Salesroom, Wharf street, Annals, Souvenirs, Toys, Jewelry, Fine English Watches, Silks in great variety and beautiful patterns, Cambric and Silk Handkerchiefs, &c., &c. no29

BEAUTIFUL

FANCY GLASSWARE

Parian Butter Stands

Jugs, Sugars, Creams, Salts, Dishes

Elegant Vases

Cut Glass Tumblers, Wines

China Vases

Oval Vases

Stands, Flint pressed,

Piano Canesticks, Topaz ditto

Colored Gilt Blue Jugs,

Green, Cornelia and Rose Piano Canesticks

Oral Dishes, Round Dishes

Plate

Poplars, Balfour and Kingsley Vases

Glass Marbles

Smoke Shades

Parian Butter and Kettle Stands

Club Butter Stands

Mustard and Toilet Bottles

Flower Pots

Two Elegant Busts and Marble

Pedestals of Robert Burns.

The Goods will be ready for exhibition on the 14th inst.

Ladies are invited to inspect the Goods.

Real Estate

Mortgagee's Sale

P. M. BACKUS

Has been instructed to sell

AT SALESROOM

Wharf Street,

Tuesday, Dec. 17th,

AT 12 O'CLOCK, NOON,

The following Property:

THE LEASE OF

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground situate in the town of Victoria, lying a

Auction Sales

P. M. BACKUS—Continued.

portion of Town Lot Number One Hundred and Sixty-four [104], and commencing at the southeast corner of Government and Yates streets, and from thence running south and fronting thirty-seven feet on Government street; thence east seventy-seven feet; thence north thirty-seven feet to Yates street; and thence west seventy-seven feet along the side of Yates street to the place of beginning, with the buildings and erections now thereon.

